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DANISH NATO POLADS REP HAS CIRCULATED TO ALL MEMBERS OF POLITICAL
COMMITTEE FOLLOWING LETTER:

BEGIN TEXT

REFERRING TO THE DISCUSSIONS IN THE COMMITTEE EARLIER
THIS YEAR ON MILITARY EXCHANGES WITH THE SOVIET UNION
WHICH WERE INITIATED AT OUR REQUEST, I WISH TO INFORM
YOU THAT THE COMPETENT DANISH AUTHORITIES HAVE NOW
WORKED OUT THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL FOR A PROGRAMME OF
MILITARY EXCHANGES BETWEEN DENMARK AND THE SOVIET
UNION DURING THE PERIOD 1974-77:

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VISITS TO THE SOVIET UNION:

1974: COMMANDANT OF THE DANISH ARMY MILITARY ACADEMY

1975: COMMANDANT OF THE DANISH NAVAL ACADEMY

HEAD OF THE DANISH HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICE

POSSIBLE NAVAL VISIT TO LENINGRAD OR MURMANSK

1976: COMMANDANT OF THE DANISH AIR FORCE ACADEMY

1977: POSSIBLE NAVAL VISIT TO LENINGRAD OR MURMANSK

VISITS TO DENMARK:

1975: COMMANDANT OF THE SOVIET ARMY MILITARY ACADEMY

HEAD OF THE SOVIET HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICE

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THE ABOVE MENTIONED PROGRAMME OF MILITARY EXCHANGES WITH THE SOVIET UNION IS CONSIDERABLY MORE MODEST THAN THAT DESIRED BY THE SOVIET UNION. THE NAVAL VISITS CORRESPOND TO CURRENT PRACTICE, WHILE THE OTHER EXCHANGES HAVE TAKEN PLACE ONLY TO A SMALL EXTENT. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT MAY BE ADDED THAT THE LEVEL OF THESE EXCHANGES IS LOWER THAN FORESEEN BY THE SOVIET SIDE.

ON OUR PART, WE THINK THAT EXCHANGES OF VISITS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK DESCRIBED ABOVE WOULD BE OF GREATER ADVANTAGE TO THE DANISH THAN TO THE SOVIET MILITARY AUTHORITIES.

THE DANISH PROPOSAL WILL BE SENT TO THE SOVIET MILITARY ATTACHE IN COPENHAGEN IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

I AM INFORMING ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE ABOVE, WITH A VIEW TO OBTAINING ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON PROGRAMMES OF MILITARY EXCHANGES BETWEEN OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES AND THE SOVIET UNION.

END TEXT.
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